

Eliza Kirkham Crabb

Eliza, daughter of George and Mary Russon Kirkham, was born 19 Mar 1878 in Lehi, Utah and died 11th Jun 1967 and buried in Lehi. She married Charles Crabb 11 Mar 1896 in Salt Lake City, Utah, son of Charles Crabb and Ann Aikman Scrouther and born 9 Sep 1872 in Dundee, Forforshire, Scotland, and died 1 Sep 1953 in Lehi, Utah and buried there. Their marriage was solemnized in the Salt Lake Temple.

In an environment typical of early Latter-Day-Saint homes, Eliza spent a happy childhood and throughout her years of growing up she saw good and beauty in all that surrounded her. In her girlhood days she loved the happy things of life – music and learning, school days, companionship with brothers and sisters. Her parents were early stalwarts in the church. Devotion to duty, obedient to commandments, faithful family ties was their watchword, and by this they taught and guided their family to maturity.

Eliza was seventeen when she met and married Charles Crabb, the young man from Scotland who came here as a convert to the Church. He worked as an employee of the Utah-Idaho Sugar Company. To this union were born six boys and two girls. Two missions for the church and many years of military service were rendered by her sons.

Eliza was happy when she was busy and like her sister Rachel she enjoyed making beautiful “bits of lace”, bedspreads, tablecloths, doilies and rugs she happily bestowed upon her many friends.

Eliza loved her church and was Relief Society visiting teacher for 40 years. She often said her greatest wish was to see all her children obeying Heavenly Father’s commandments. In 1957, Eliza was chosen Area Mother of the Year, a pleasant and satisfying experience for her.

As true success I measured, Eliza can qualify, for as someone once wrote, “To be successful one must have affection of the heart, love for fellow men and willingness to serve for the Master.”

Children of Charles and Eliza Kirkham Crabb

- Charles Glendon Crabb Mildred Crabb Magleby
- Leland George Crabb Donna Alta Agnes Crabb Wingett
- William LeRoy Crabb John Lowell Crabb
- Kirkham Vard Crabb Craig Creighton Crabb

Addition by Carolyn Johnson Christensen:

A well remembered memory of my youth was meeting Aunt Eliza, of the sparkling eyes. I was fascinated with her mannerisms and personality. She told a story which had us all laughing. At Relief Society, they were tearing old clothes into strips for rag rugs and winding the results into balls. She worked and laughed with her fellow RS members for some time, then decided it was time to go home. No where could she find her coat. They looked all over for it. Suddenly, she noticed a ball of rug strips which looked surprisingly familiar. Sure enough. Her “new” coat had been accidentally used to tear into strips to be used in rugs. How Aunt Eliza laughed as she told this story.

The other memory I have of Aunt Eliza is that she was known as the merry, beloved sister (half) of my Grandfather Lott.